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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ROGERS AND MCCLOSKEY

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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION ON
CUBAN INTERVENTION (S/S NO.7609002)

1. ON APRIL 12, WE SENT YOU A MEMORANDUM RECOMMENDING
THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO TRANSMIT TO SENATOR JAVITS SOME
LANGUAGE FOR A SENATE RESOLUTION OF CONGRESSIONAL
COMMITMENT TO THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY OF THE HEMISPHERE
IN LIGHT OF CUBA'S RECENT FOREIGN POLICY ACTIONS. WE ALSO
NOTED THAT WE TOLD SENATOR STONE WE WELCOME PASSAGE OF HIS
RESOLUTION ON CUBA, FOR WHICH THE PRESIDENT HAD
PREVIOUSLY INDICATED SUPPORT. THE STONE RESOLUTION,
HOWEVER, IS UNLIKELY TO PASS THE COMMITTEE.

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2. NOW SENATOR MCGEE HAS INTRODUCED YET ANOTHER RESOLUTION WHICH CALLS FOR "ANY MEASURES OR ACTIONS DIRECTED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA BE PURSUANT TO DECISIONS RENDERED BY THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE." MCGEE'S LANGUAGE GOES BEYOND OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE RIO TREATY AND IS OBVIOUSLY AIMED AT PREVENTING HYPOTHETICAL UNILATERAL US MILITARY ACTION. BEFORE WE CAN RESPOND TO MCGEE AND TO SOFTEN A

NEGATIVE RESPONSE, WE NEED YOUR AUTHORIZATION TO GO AHEAD WITH SENATOR JAVITS.

3. PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR JAVITS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS THE UNITED STATES CHERISHES ITS HISTORIC TIES WITH THE OTHER AMERICAN STATES EMBODIED IN THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE; AND

WHEREAS CUBA HAS INTERVENED IN THE PAST IN INTERNAL CONFLICTS IN AMERICAN STATES INCLUDING VENEZUELA AND BOLIVIA; AND

WHEREAS THERE HAS BEEN A MASSIVE BUILD UP OF CUBA'S MILITARY POWER IN RECENT YEARS; AND

WHEREAS, AS THE EVENTS OF THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS IN ANGOLA DEMONSTRATE, CUBA CAN, AND IS PREPARED TO, USE THAT NEW MILITARY POWER IN WAYS UNRELATED TO THE DEFENSE OF CUBA TO INTERVENE IN INTERNAL CONFLICTS IN OTHER LANDS,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, THAT THE CONGRESS REAFFIRMS ITS FIRM SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AND COMMON DEFENSE OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLICS, AS SET FORTH IN THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE.

4. RECOMMENDATION:
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THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO PASS SUGGESTED LANGUAGE TO SENATOR JAVITS.

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